Announcement of National and District Court Rule Changes

Effective December 1, 2012

The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure will be amended effective December 1, 2012. For more information on the changes, please visit www.uscourts.gov > Rules & Policies > Pending Rules Amendments. The amendments include revisions to Fed. R. Bankr. P. Rules 3001 (amending the requirements for a proof of claim based on an open-ended or revolving consumer credit agreement) and 7056 (setting a new default deadline for the filing of a motion for summary judgment).

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington is amending its local rules effective December 1, 2012. The proposed rule changes are posted at: http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/news/proposed-local-rule-changes.

The Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington amended its local rules last year and is not announcing wide-scale rule amendments at this time. However, the court will likely be adopting General Order(s) as necessary to bring the local bankruptcy rules into conformance with the federal and district court rule changes noted above.